Lecture Notes.

Party of a new Type.

THE ROLE OF THE PARTY

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In Discussing Org = Must know Theor. aspects.

Close Relation between Structure & Policy.

Need for flexibility = Org - Policy changes.
Must find Pol. solution FIRST

PARTY OF A NEW TYPE

Pre 1914 = Comparatively "Peaceful" Period
Historical Growth of W. C. Parties.
Mass = Parliamentary methods
Domination of 2nd Int = (1889).

Opening of 20th Century = Rev. period
Imp - re-division of world = Civil War.
New Conditions - New Tasks.
Parliamentary Fractions -

Members not trained to see themselves as ceaselessly engaged in struggle.

Theory of Gradualism - Peaceful dev. to Soc.

Org = Electoral Apparatus.

Unable to face new conditions.

Tasks = 1) Educating workers in new conditions of struggle

2) Imp = Alliance between Imp & Colonial

Need for New type of Party = Leninist Party

1) Party As Vanguard of the Working Class

Composed of best elements in W. C.
Experience - Rev. Spirit & unbounded Devotion

Knowledge of laws of Rev. = Theory.
Must be in leadership = Not pieces of Driftwood
Raise Workers out of limits of Trade Unions.
Only Thus = Vanguard of W. C.

Class War is Complicated = Need of Party.

At Same Time Do Marches ahead = Strong Roots in Mass
Thousands of contacts = Construct the Threads.
Only Thus unbreakable portion of W. C.

2) ORGANISED DETACHMENT
Offensive - Defensive.
Intense Workers = Examples of Party.
United Party = Members + Org moving forward.
Party is Sum total of All Org.
Members obliged to work in Org.
1903 = 2nd Congress = "Who Can be a Member"
Swamped in a sea of sympathisers

Higher & lower organs = Binding Decisions
Could not function as a capable whole.
L. P. formally adheres
Democratic Centralism.

HIGHEST FORM OF CLASS ORGANISATION.

W.C. throws up many & varied Org.
Some interests of W.C. in different sphere.
Unity of Direction?
Party. = Why? Transmission Belt
Rallying Centre for Best Elements in W.C.
Connected with Mass Org.
Best leadership & School of leadership
Every Party can Turn Non-Party Org.
into Auxiliary Corps.
Interest whole W.C. = Masses.
Must not formally subject to Party
Work - influence - persuasion

Party takes general view of whole historical march of W. C. – endeavours to defend interests of W.C. as a whole.

Org. Pol. level = Advanced leads less advanced

EXPRESSION OF UNITY & ABSENCE OF FACTIONS

Iron Discipline = Unity of Will + Action
Room for discussion
Not Blind Discipline =
Conscious & Voluntary = Iron.

Factions = Opposition to Party.
One leadership & One Policy.

Style in the Work

A) Revolutionary Zeal
B) Businesslike efficiency.

A) Revolutionary Zeal.
Can only be developed on basis of Ideal.
Stimulates Thought & Action.

Taken by itself = Talk & no action
Weaving of Plans = At Variance with reality.

Will not & cannot produce pos. Pol. results.

B) Efficiency = Levelheaded = Businesslike.

Unquenchable force which recognises no obstacles.

If not linked with Rev. Zeal
Degenerates into Narrow, fruitless activity.

Combination produces harmonious workers.

How To OPERATE LEADERSHIP

1) Chairman = good all round comrade connections with Lab. Mov. regarded as Party Spokesman. etc.

2) Pol. leader = Most able comrade. able to give Mass Pop. W. C. leadership Knowledge of Party Line. Organising ability.

Big Branch Should have asst = Pol. Org.

3) Prop Secy:- Get Prop across to other Org. Draw asst round him = Research = Council = leaflets etc. = Speakers = Young possibly another on Education. = Industrial Treasurer's

Role of Theory

Hall Lecture.

Bill Lachlan.

Role of Party.

class relation between organization - Policy
No organizational change. To solve political
Problems first. — growth of working class
Movement in Comparatively peaceful period — reformism
Parliamentarism — period of Revolution 1905
1914 War — New Tasks — New party —
with a new Theory of social development.
Namely: Revolutionary Theory. — Alliance
of workers and colonial Peoples.

Party

Vanguard of Proletariat
Take workers from Trade-unions
in Main contact with Mass

Detachment of Proletariat

Participate in other working class
org. Work in Personal example.
— & Pay Dues - work support. Policy
work in Party. — use org.

Rural Work in Districts

Democratic Centralism

Minority subordinated - majority

Higher bodies - Lower Bodies

must more forward at one time.

Highest form Class org.

Every union, women, Cultural

Sure working class in Economic Sphere.

- General Staff - Party Guarantee

Direction of working class - School of Leadership

transmission belts - Party Policy become policy

of working class, accept form of Party.

Unity of will

Discipline - unity of action -

carry out decision - voluntary Discipline

fractions - factions

Style in Work.

[redacted] Revolutionary Zeal

business-like efficiency. unity.

Leadership

Look for Cadre

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What is meant by the Party is the expression of Unity of will incompatible with the existence of factions

Party of a new Type.

Social Democratic Parties Acore Europe

* advanced hours to be made in Public services.

* teaching for funding and who is sick.

* suffield hours to practice find out who is ill.

* 3 things Medical Student can Do.

① Private Practice.

② Hospital. (fewer)

③ Public Health Dept.

Never ask about mental Illness. worry for family circumstances.

* to create a gap between Rich & Poor. Also bomb.
must teach Social Medicine.
" investigate Social Conditions of Patients

* Battle Mentality

Doctors & People both Believe in Battle. interplay of Circumstances. create hostility

Questions.

How will new Scheme affect T.B. People — with regards payment.

Small Industries go.
Regional Scheme.
need for complete maintenance
During re-habilitation. Fully
realized By Govt:

Vanguard of W.C.

What is vanguard.

Best Elements w.c.
experience Rev. Spirit, devotion

Equiped Knowledge.
Raise w.c. abt of G.U. Limits

Does Vanguard fight by itself

no Takes Shocks = never isolate from main Body.

Marx Engels Said Communists are.

the most advanced and resolute Section"
and" clearly understand Line of march &
ultimate Gen. Results." of Class struggle.

1 is every Party member advanced + Resolute.

N.O. Party as a whole is. Because Based on Marxism.

Constantly Strives Being Best People —
~~good understanding~~
to ~~members~~ into Ranks

Does every party member clearly understand Line of march..

No. (C.P. as whole understands line better than any other Section.

Strives to give understanding to members Polit Discuss. Education = Carrying out Policy.

2

Organised detachment

what does organised ~~detachment~~ mean

1 making collective decisions
each member acting on decisions

2 Are T.U.s organised in this sense.

Yes. They are members of a Branch.
are expected carry out decisions

3 Are Labour Party members organised in this way.

NO They can be members by Payin Polit levy.
take out Card = Individual member.
not expected to Carry out organised work.

what is expected of C.P. member.

Accept Programme: Pay dues.

Belong to and work in Group of Party.

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3 Highest Form of W.C organisation which must guide all other Sections:

1 In what sense is Party Highest Form of W.C. org.

Limited Sectional aim of Co-op T.U.s

Part must weld + Unite Limited Sectional aim into Single Class aim.

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2 What exactly do we mean By Guiding Co-op + T.U.s.

not Dictating to them

try to Convince = putting forward Policy

Convince of Correctness of Policy for W.C.

3 is it Possible for ~~aims~~ interests of a Section to Run Counter to whole.

crafts Resist Dilution

R.R. Strike.

4, Lenin Says Party must be closely linked Masses

what does this mean in Practice

- Party members must Be members of T.U. Co-ops etc.

Is it enough to Hold a T.U. Card ?

No whatever the organisation, the Communist member work actively for objects of that organisation.

must attend meetings
" Be prepared to act as Delegate if necessary.
" Take official Parts = Strengthen every way

Why is this necessary. ?

If W.C. is to Act Together must be organised = even for limited Purposes

Guidance for united class action must be given Party with members in every organisation

Known to other members as active workers a this behalf

5 Lenin Says to work Properly Party must Be Centralised.

what Does Centralised mean ?

Led By C.C. etc
Decisions ~~Carried~~ By Higher Bodies
Binding on Lower carried out By them

is this Contrary to British W.C. Practice?

No - T.U.s Built on this Principle

what does Democratic mean to Party?

C.C. elected By Congress By delegates from whole Party. D.C. By Congress etc So That "Discipline" of Having Carry out decisions means Discipline Comes from Conviction = Discussion Throughout

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See Six and Syllabus.

Party of New Type

Labour Party

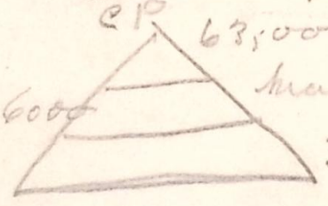
1. Policy — reformism. negation of Class Struggle
Method — Parliamentary & Municipal Elections = Electoral
Theory — Gradualism
Basis of Organization: Trade Unions / Political Levy

CP

Factory Group. Point of Production (class relations sharpest

(Last Lines of Bourgeois + Problems CP. Manifesto
Gravedigger

Organisational Principals



highest form Class Organisation

2 Chapter Unit CP.SU.

Organization

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Pollitt Book School
Session (2) "A Better Britain"

Introduction

* Main Ground Covered - Pages 19-56
Start reviewing Basic economic Position of Britain.
Proceeds to examine Various Classes
Relations between Classes - Political trends.
Outlines Strategy of British Working Class
Details of Programme of C.P.

THEME (1)

Question = We Say Britains Production Increased During war - Demonstrate and Prove that ?

(1) Production in total volume and in 40%
Rate of Productivity 15%
Proof - figures for National Income
Govt Statistics Re - Industry & Labour

Question = Why Has it increased ?

(2) (A) Government Spending = ½ all work Govt Contracts
(B) Control = What to be done & where - materials - Prices
Costs - investments - Labour
Degree of Control Planning
(C) Increased Labour force. = 25 millions
4/5 " above normal
(D) Increased Productivity of Labour
- Longer Hours - Hard work - Changes methods
Different forms Payments — J.P.C.s

Question = Can it Be Said W.C. Gained as result of increasing Production ?

(3) Politically = No Doubt = Defeat Fascism = experience
= Britain in Hands of People for taking

Economically = No hours unemployment = more equal distribution
foodstuffs = higher wages = Guaranteed weekly
minimum wages etc = Holiday Pay - Nat agr.

Kerstate Say WC Richer — But Relatively Garnets Pol/econ.

WHY THE COAL CRISIS?

The responsibility for the strike of the South Wales miners and those which have followed in Scotland must be squarely placed on the shoulders of the coalowners and the Ministry of Fuel and Power. Never in the history of important wage negotiations has there been such stupid blunders made as in the case of the interpretation of the Porter Award.

The Government and coalowners created the impression that once the Miners' Federation and coalowners had come to an agreement in regard to various anomalies, they would be paid for out of the Coal Charges Fund. Then they exploded their bomb under the miners by declaring, **after** agreements had been reached, that the Government would not be responsible for the cost.

IS THIS PROVOCATION?

Can it be that there are certain forces in this country who are trying to prevent or delay the opening of the Second Front by resorting to tactics that can lead to mass strikes in the decisive war industries, and thereby afford the excuse that we are not yet ready?

To make matters worse, this provocation takes place in an industry which is not only the most decisive in these last stages of the war, but also where the miners have been shamefully treated for generations past, and where there is a heritage of hate and suspicion both against coalowners and Governments.

No sensible person believes for a moment that the miners are on strike because they want to work off old scores, or because they do not grasp the urgency of the present war situation, or that these strikes are provoked by irresponsible elements.

But we deplore these strikes. We hope that the South Wales and Scottish miners will accept the terms that their leaders have negotiated and not only return to work (already a considerable number have done so), but then make up for the precious tonnage that has been lost by this strike. The miners need to be strongly on guard against themselves becoming susceptible to deliberate provocation.

The coalowners are tireless in their suggestions that the whole position in the coalfield is because of State control, when the facts are that if there was real State control both economic and financial, the coal crisis would long ago have been solved.

It is being said that the miners have received very substantial gains during this war. But it must be remembered that at the beginning of this war the miners were amongst the lowest-paid sections of workers in this country, and they are not yet by any means highly paid, despite the danger of their calling.

THE PUBLIC'S DUTY

We appeal to the miners to stand by the agreements made by their responsible leaders; we appeal to them to spurn provocative actions that can lead to a prolongation of the war, with all the sacrifice this must entail for themselves and the majority of the common people, and we are confident they will respond.

But the public has a duty. It is to compel the Government to nationalise the mines and fight against all the private interests that in the Press and in and outside of Parliament were never so busy trying to discredit the miners and to put them in a false light.

CHURCHILL MUST ACT

The Prime Minister would be well advised to call the miners together again, to put to them all the available information in regard to the coming tremendous battles, and the key part that coal has to play in the winning of these battles.

We are confident that what the miners are out to win can be won without any strikes, for these can hurt the miners more than anyone else. They can create misunderstanding; they can cause disunity as between one coalfield and another, and between one section of the Labour movement and another; they can impede the organisation of one union for the mining industry.

(*This was a speech made by Harry Pollitt for the Communist Party.*)

GET YOUR ORGANISATION TO PASS A RESOLUTION DEMANDING CLEAR UP THE ANOMALIES NOW

TAKE OVER THE PITS

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Theme (2)

Question = What is it that Determines ~~factor~~ extent use of Productive resources under normal Capitalist Conditions?

(1) Capitalist market which includes Profit and a certain Distribution of National Income. = inequalities between Rich & Poor etc.

Question = Would you regard as Satisfactory the operation of ~~that~~ factors after the war? Limiting

(2) No! - most of Spheres where arrears to be made up are where wages are impoverished
First and basic thing - Do Something never Done by normal Capitalist market Yes; raise Living Standards (A) Britain (B) Abroad = emphasis

Question = How would you answer ~~that~~ (CHARGE that our Policy would increase National debt?

(3) National debt gone up for two basic Reasons
(1) War destroys wealth (2) excessive Share of National income going to Super-Rich
∴ Possible envisage Increase Govt. Spending — Incr. Prod
— Declining National Debt [actually Decline matter of selection]

Question = What should be workers attitude Production after war — increase or Go Canny.?

(4) = W.C never fundamentally opposed Incr. Prod Cap. System & monopoly restricted = W.C never in position to ~~Determine~~, How, why & for what Production & Sharing out — Increased Production fundamentally a gain to mankind
Link with new Political Conditions = Central.

QUESTION. = is full employment ~~Possible~~ conceivable with Continued existence of Cap. System after war.

(5) YES! — but only at a Price for Capitalism
That Price surely won't be Same Cap. System
Economic, Pol. & Social Consequences of full employment
Place whole System in Question = Knowledge Freedom & Culture.

THEME (3)

Question = Give brief Description of main class forces?

(1) 3 main class forces = important to distinguish within them

Capitalists (A) Super-Rich = grip on main Instrument Prod.
(B) Medium = Relatively Small = Dont Control big Units =
= But most in touch with masses

Middle Class (A) Small Producers (B) Technical Administrative
= Chemists, Scientists etc (C) Professional = Doctors Teachers etc.

Working Class. = about 2¼ million occupied People
org strength of Lab. Mov. = 9 millions

Question = Are the Capitalists to be regarded as a Solid United Bloc?

(2) Always Developements in Ranks Causing Divisions
Politically = invariably United Round Conservative Party.

Question = Whats are big issues likely Divide Cap. ~~after~~ in future?

(3) International Co-op = for or against in Practice
Government Control = Expansion Prod. = Standard Living = Social reforms
Basis of Strategy = Put big Capitalists against big & Small.

Question = Where does Middle Class Stand at this Stage?

(4) Difficult to Say who nearest - Cap or W.C.
Ideologically = mainly Right under Capitalists
Economic interests = very near W.C.
Politically = ~~now~~ Potentially near W.C.
Depends on what we do = crucial Question

Question = What estimate strength Labor Movement in Relation to other Classes.?

(5) W.C. 24 million = occupied People
org Lab Mov. 9 mill
Relation to Population = ⅓ Rallied to Lab Mov.
nearly ⅔ Rds either (A) under Tory influence (2) Indifferent
if Consider General Stirring of Ideas
Big POTENTIAL Forward.

THEME (4)

Question = What is the Central objective of our strategy in first Period after war.?

(1) Deliver decisive blow and inflict shattering ~~Defeat~~ on reactionary Sections monopoly Cap. & Destroy ability to Carry thro' Policy.

Question = What would Constute the main forces & Reserves for fulfillment of such a strategy

(2) Main force = organised W.C.
Main Reserves = (A) unorganised workers (B) Middle class (C) as much of Cap. including Reg Cap as we can take with us

If main force Succeeds in Rallying reserves & Delivers victorious blows main enemy — will have established new & Better Unity
* will Provide an Identity of interests between C.P. & Nation

Question = is Programme Correct - to extreme or not extreme enough?

(3) Programme Designed by our Strategy Accounts for difference between Vanguard & "the Rest" must Conceive progress as inspiring organised W.C. in Such a way as to draw in allies

Question = What are possible Points disagreement Re-Programme?

(4) International Co-op = Colonies = Nationalisation = Unity

Question = What is vital factor which would make General Strategy Successful?

(5) Control = may worry M.C. & Small-Cap.
Nationalisation = Those which Public Support
= Large Sections Cap. Support (Pressure)

Question is "Britain for People" a Socialist Programme?

YES = But not for immediate Intro. Socialism means State Capitalism — But in new way under Conditions State is Changing